

What You Need to Know

Registration deadlines:

REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED.

What is the Transportation Planning Symposium?

Symposium is a four-day hands-on training event. Participants will collaboratively foster learning and the valuable exchange of ideas related to this year's theme, *Advancing System Efficiency through Innovation*.

SYMPOSIUM IS LIMITED TO 400 PARTICIPANTS. REGISTRATION WILL BE GRANTED ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED BASIS.

When: November 13-16, 2007

Where: Red Lion Hotel at the Park - Spokane, WA

Workshop selection is required for Tuesday and Friday.

If you would like to attend a GIS clinic, please e-mail Teri Hotsko by Friday, November 9. Otherwise, you can just drop in to a clinic while at the symposium.

What is the Objective of Symposium?

Our objective is to equip transportation professionals with capacity-enhancing resources; communicate important policies, programs, and practices, cultivate new partnerships, and provide valuable networking opportunities, while facilitating an educational, engaging, and enjoyable experience.

How Does the Transportation Planning Symposium Differ from Other WSDOT Conferences?

As stated above, symposium will be a very interactive exchange of ideas and problem-solving techniques. It allows for full engagement and participation from all transportation related disciplines with special emphasis on:

- case study demonstrations,
- dynamic group discussions, and
- intelligent tools and new technologies.

What Are the Expected Outcomes?

Attendees will understand the utility and relevance of planning and acquire a deeper understanding of how planning integration delivers greater system efficiency.

What is the Difference Between a Module, Session and a Workshop?

A module at Symposium is a theme that covers several different sessions. For example, the "communicating module" covers Reaching Your Audience, Public Information and

the Media, Reader Friendly Writing, etc.

A session is a brief training block of time comprised of an introduction of the topic and an interactive, hands-on activity.

A workshop is similar to a session, but is more intensive and focuses on one theme. There is an emphasis on problem solving.

Note: If you register and would like to change options, please contact Teri Hotsko, (360) 705-7918 or hotskot@wsdot.wa.gov. You will not be able to change your registration options online.

How do I Reserve my Hotel Room?

HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT THE SYMPOSIUM RATE ARE NOT AVAILABLE. IF YOU WISH TO RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM, YOU WILL PAY STATE PER DIEM RATE.

Go to the Red Lion Hotel website: <http://www.redlion.com/>. Click on to “Other search options” located at the lower right of the page and select Promotional or Corporate rate code.

Step 4. Enter your destination hotel: (Spokane Red Lion Hotel at the Park)

For hotel reservation assistance, please call the Red Lion at (800) 733-5466 or the WSDOT at (360) 705-7918.

Getting to the Red Lion from the Airport

There is a free Red Lion Hotel at the Park shuttle between the hotel and airport. You can call in advance to the Red Lion at: (509) 326-8000

. If you choose air travel, use the hotel's free phone at their kiosk in the airport to arrange for a free shuttle ride to the hotel.